

## **Why Would God Allow Man to Sin and Thus Bring Evil and Suffering into the World?**

- 1. God chose to create the universe with *love* as its foundational principle.**
- 2. Love requires *choice*.**
- 3. Choice allows for *sin* (bad choices).**
- 4. Sin is evil and always causes *suffering*.**
- 5. *Suffering* is most often the thing that drives us back to God.**

*"Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ."*

*Rom 5:16-17 NIV*